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- EP-B-898700 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. Applicant further wishes to note the corresponding International Publication No. WO 97/43622.

- WO-A-9743621 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. Applicant further wishes to note the corresponding U.S. Patent 6,387,327.

- U.S. Patent 5,133,208.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- U.S. Patent 5,526,705.

- EP 0 391 861 discloses an apparatus for the preparation and execution of tests on the

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sedimentation rate of organic liquids and others. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8, 16 - 26, 29, 30, 32 - 35 and 37 - 39.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0087443 A1.
- U.S. Patent 5,914,272.
- U.S. Patent 6,403,328.
- U.S. Patent 4,187,462.
- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0113930 A1.

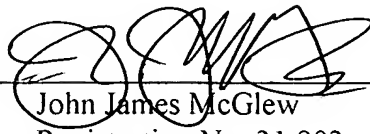
- WO 98/02726 discloses an erythro sedimentation rate (ESR) test apparatus. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 41 and 54.

- WO 91/09295 discloses a method and device for determining the sedimentation rate of blood. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 41 and 54.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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